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Dear Commissioners:

To be brief, I used to be a carpenter. Prior to being a carpenter, I served 8 years in the U.S. Navy as a Radioman 2nd Class. In 1994, I bought a computer for my carpentry business and in 1995 I gave up my carpenter's belt and tools. Instead of building decks, I've built an ISP.

I am requesting that you deny any and all petitions to remove DSL as a tariff item. The loss of my ability to provide broadband services over 200k would not only effect my business, but my employees and their families and the business we serve. As well as harm consumers everywhere by limiting them to only one company to buy their services from.

We have worked hard over the past 9 years to provide Internet and Broadband services to the community. WebKorner services an area that encompasses the greater Piedmont area of North Carolina. We provide Broadband in the form of DSL and Wireless to rural areas.

If the FCC grant's forbearance to the RBOC's/BellSouth, it will greatly impact competition amongst the broadband providers, unfairly killing the small business and entrepreneurs who started ISP's and reinforce the local incumbent monopoly.

At WebKorner, we have been innovated in providing SPAM filtering - Virus Filtering - VPN - Firewall Support - remote networking support. We've provided services that the RBOC's/BellSouth will not provide, because they are too big and don't care. Innovation will come to a halt, if there's only one business to buy from. The economy will be affected, most importantly consumers will be affected and our country will continue to slide down the Internet ladder from being the first country that invented the Internet to placing last. According to researchers we are currently in 13th position in Internet deployment.

FCC, do not grant forbearance. If you do, RBOC's/BellSouth will not talk with us, will not work with us and will disconnect us from their networks.

Right now, I continue to experience anti-competitive behavior from the RBOC's/BellSouth. As of recently I order a DSL circuit for a valued customer. As soon as BellSouth completed the DSL order, BellSouth called my customer, told them the service was ready to use and immediately solicited them to switch away from WebKorner to BellSouth at a reduced rate.

I'm forced to buy wholesale pricing that the RBOC's/BellSouth sell below wholesale. This is the same tactics John D. Rockefeller and the Standard Oil Company did. Sell lower than your competition, put them out of business and then raise the rates once the competition is gone.

Have we forgotten these lessons?

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Huffman". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing 'S' and 'H'.

Scott Huffman
President/CEO -Since 1995